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SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES, BOAT CASES, "MIGHTY"

REF: BANGKOK 25559

1. EMBOFF, TOGETHER WITH UNHCR OFFICE MANAGER, KWOK AND FRENCH EMBOFF, BOARDED "MIGHTY" ON SEPTEMBER 15 AND INTERVIEWED THE 57 REFUGEES; 46 ARE CAT I, THREE ARE CAT III, AND THE OTHER EIGHT WERE DEBARKED SEPTEMBER 16 AFTER BEING GRANTED ADMISSION INTO FRANCE. SHIP DEPARTED SINGAPORE, SEPTEMBER 16, FOR BALAWAN (SUMATRA), PENANG, PORT KLANG, AND KARACHI.

2. UNHCR REGIONAL REP. SAMPATHKUMAR, SEPTEMBER 16, TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE SEEMED OPTIMISTIC ABOUT GAINING GOI PERMISSION TO DEBARK REFUGEES AT BALAWAN, WHICH IS NECESSARY IN VIEW OF CONDITIONS ABOARD SHIP. KOREAN-NATIONAL CAPTAIN AND CREW ARE QUITE HOSTILE TO REFUGEES. FOOD RATION IS TWO BOWLS OF RICE PER DAY, WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CREW DEMANDING PAYMENT FROM DESITUTE REFUGEES BEFORE GRANTING

ADDITIONAL SUBSISTENCE.

3. SAMPATKUMAR DID NOT MENTION MAKING AN APPROACH TO GOS ON DEBARKATION OF ENTIRE BOATLOAD. (COMMENT: THIS MAY REFLECT EITHER SAMPATKUMAR'S CONVICTION OF THE FUTILITY OF DOING SO IN VIEW OF FIRM GOS STANCE OR THE FACT THAT SINGAPORE WAS NOT THE PORT OF FIRST CALL.)

4. GROUP OF EIGHT SELECTED BY FRENCH EMBASSY WERE DEBARKED AFTER EMBASSY SENDING OF MILDLY WORDED GUARANTEE TO GOS HOME AFFAIRS, "THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT ----- WILL BE GRANTED ASYLUM IN FRANCE." THIS REPRESENTS AN ALTERATION FROM THE PREVIOUS DEMAND FOR THE WORDING "UNCONDITIONAL GUARANTEE" AND ALSO REPRESENTS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE GOS HAS BEEN FACED WITH, AND ACCEPTED, A PARTIAL DEBARKATION OF REFUGEES.

5. BIODATA ON REMAINING REFUGEES TO FOLLOW SEPTTEL.
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